



# Joint Task Force Guantanamo

## Detainee Medical Care

**The Joint Medical Group (JMG) provides safe, humane, legal and transparent healthcare to detainees.**

The medical care provided to detainees at Guantanamo is consistent with what U.S. service members receive. JMG providers administer care to all detainees regardless of disciplinary status, level of cooperation or legal status. JMG operations are completely independent of Joint Detention Group operations.

Detainees are treated at dedicated medical facilities with state-of-the-art equipment and an expert medical staff. The medical facilities are equipped with 15 inpatient beds, a physical-therapy area, audiology booth, optometry exam room, dental treatment suites, an operating room, pharmacy, radiology, and central sterilization.



Navy Hospital Corpsmen visit each cellblock daily. Upon the request of any detainee for care, these Corpsmen can refer them to primary care providers in the Joint Medical Group. In addition to providing routine medical care, the hospital staff has treated detainees for wounds sustained prior to detention and other pre-existing medical conditions. More serious medical conditions can be treated at U. S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo.

Additional specialists are available to provide care at Guantanamo for medical needs that exceed the capabilities of U. S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo.

**Some detainees have been provided life-improving care such as receiving prosthetic limbs or having cataracts removed.**

- Medical services are available to detainees around the clock, seven days a week
- All detainees provide informed consent for procedures
- Detainee/healthcare ratio: 1 medical staff for every 2 detainees; 1 primary care provider for approximately 45 detainees (compare to U.S. national average of 1 primary care provider for every 880 citizens)
- Medications dispensed annually: 129,000
- Sick call visits annually: 4,650
- Provider appointments/visits annually: 3,600
- Tuberculosis (TB) screening conducted via Quantiferon testing – most accurate TB testing method available
- Age-appropriate colon cancer screening: 10 colonoscopies
- Annual dental procedures: 370
- Ancillary service appointments: more than 470 annually (i.e. physical therapy, radiology)
- Medical Specialists provide more than 100 consults per year
- Available specialty consultative care: cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, radiology, urology, dermatology, audiology, orthopedics, general surgery, otolaryngology, oral maxillofacial surgery, ophthalmology, optometry, podiatry, pulmonology, and prosthetics

### Behavioral Health Care

The Joint Medical Group has a separate facility for behavioral health that includes outpatient and inpatient care. Services include preventive mental health screenings, comprehensive evaluation, individual & group counseling, medication management, and inpatient treatment. Mental health care is available for detainees upon request.